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Dear Attorney General:

Microsoft settlement of 1 billion to the 12,500 poorest schools is forcing schools to use just Microsoft programs and giving children no alternative to Microsoft. This is what a monopoly does and is. This is at the expense of the children. As an example: the Mahoning County Library system in Ohio uses only Microsoft after libraries got money from Microsoft: even though Boardman schools use WordPerfect the library refused to install WordPerfect on the library computers in the school district.

This makes companies change to Microsoft software or spend more money on training. Add to this that as a programmer you have to follow Microsoft's programming or you face the program of not being upgradable to the next OS. Of course Microsoft can make changes then incorporate the changes into the next OS.

And finely Microsoft's OS from version 3.0 to ME were at best not stable at worse designed to make people upgrade to the next OS. In any case you had to paid to fix the problems of the OS your using just to get a different set of problems in the next OS. Windows 95 should have been NT 3.5 made for a home user and run Windows 3.1 software. Just like XP is a home version of Windows 2000. IBM had OS/2 version 2 running Windows 3.1 software if you had 3.1 installed on the computer. This allowed Microsoft to pick the pocket of the consumer for new OSs and stop any innovation from other programmers. The solution is that any owner of Windows 95 should get XP FREE. Also any money Microsoft gives for ether settlement or gift should not be tied to using Microsoft products.

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